REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Introduction

This responds to the Advisory Action of February 10, 2004, and the telephone interview of February 12, 2004, where Examiner Yaen authorized applicants to submit this amendment.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claim 34 is allowable.

II. Applicants' Response to the Advisory Action

Applicants thank Examiner Yaen for the telephonic interview on February 12, 2004.

A. Rejections

In response to reciting the Examiner's rejection of claim 57 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for new matter, Applicants have amended claim 57 to delete "pharmaceutical" from the claim.

Reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claim in view of this rejection is respectfully requested.

III Conclusion

Applicants thank Examiner Yaen for indicating the Allowability of claim 34 and for considering applicants' amendment to claim 57. Applicants respectfully request that all rejections and objections be withdrawn and that a timely Notice of Allowance should be issued in this application. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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